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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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In the application of:

Hirokazu SUGIHARA et al.

Serial No.: 09/688,077

Filing Date: October 13, 2000

For: CELL POTENTIAL MEASUREMENT
APPARATUS HAVING A PLURALITY
OF MICROELECTRODES

Examiner: D. Redding

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Communication of a Notice of Opposition and Opposition mailed on August 25, 2003 (copy attached) directed to a counterpart foreign application. Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner reference nos. D1 and D8 on page 3 of the Notice of Opposition. These references were acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action issued December 3, 2001 (Paper No. 4). Additionally, European Publication No. 0 585 933 mentioned in the Opposition Brief was also acknowledged by the Examiner in the same document. Reference nos. D2 to D7 of the Opposition are cited and submitted herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.
- ☐ Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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I hereby certify that each item of information was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

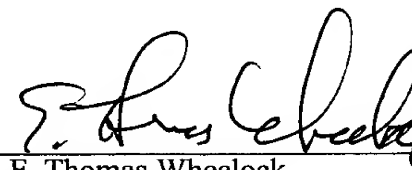
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1.	07/10/1990	4,940,432	Consoli et al.			
	2.	06/04/1991	5,020,998	Ikeya et al.			
	3.	04/28/1992	5,108,302	Pfaff			
	4.	09/21/1993	5,247,250	Rios			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5. /	12/14/1988	EP 0 295 046	Europe			

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Title
	6. /	Boppart, S. A. (January 1992). "A Flexible Perforated Microelectrode Array for Extended Neural Recordings," <i>IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering</i> , 39(1):37-42.
	7. /	European Patent Office, (August 25, 2003) Notice of Opposition and Opposition Brief of European Patent Application No. 95108977 filed on June 9, 1995, published on December 27, 1995, as Publication No. 0 689 051, 25 pages.
	8. /	Internet Excerpt of the German Magazine "Computerwoche - Online," of March 22, 1985 with English Machine Translation attached, located and visited on September 19, 2003 at < http://www.computerwoche.de/index.cfm?pageid=267&type=ArtikelDetail&id=69132&cfid=8130993&cftoken=50877422&nr=311&kw=matsushita >, 2 pages.
	9. /	Matsushita's Official Homepage, Site Map, and Titles of News Releases from 2000-2003 located and visited on September 19, 2003 at < http://www.panasonic.co.jp/global/ >, 10 pages.

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